

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-18 are requested to be canceled.

Claims 19-36 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-16 have been rewritten, as suggested by the Examiner, and are presented as claims 37-39.

Claims 37-39 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 19-39 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 14-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 14-16 have been canceled and presented as new claims 37-39. Specifically, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 37, in order to include all of the limitations of base claim 3 and intervening claims 4, 11, 12, and 13. Dependent claims 15 and 16 have been rewritten as new claims 38 and 39 to depend from independent claim 37 (formerly claim 14).

Additionally, the Examiner indicated claims 19-36 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Therefore, the Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

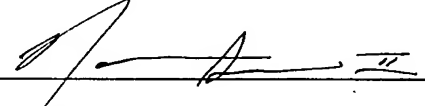
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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